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The Church and Its Chance

DURING nearly four years ships slid down the quays; planes and motorized vehicles rolled from the assembly lines; stores of food, clothing and munitions poured forth from field and factory. How some 11,000,000 young Americans put these products to use in helping to subdue the mightiest enemy ever to provoke war is a story of epic dimensions. The Government demonstrated that whatever was necessary to achieve victory would be furnished regardless of cost or exertion.

Americans have reason to recall with gratitude something else that was not overlooked. When war came there were spiritually minded officers who recognized that religion must not be neglected. Whatever religious training the home and the church had furnished should be guarded and promoted. Where it was lacking it should be introduced. With this in view the Government invited the churches of America to select as chaplains qualified representatives. It furnished them chapels, schools for training, aids to worship, conveyances, and assistants. In no previous war was such value placed upon the influence of clergymen and such aid and scope given to their service.

Did It Measure Up?

CERTAINLY "a great door and effectual" was opened. Did the church measure up to its opportunity? Based upon its attempt to supply the needed number of chaplains, it partially failed. It should be remembered, however, that a sufficient number of candidates offered their services. Their rejection was largely because of their inability to meet the standards required by the War and Navy Departments. As the war progressed, the wisdom of these standards became increasingly apparent. However, no appraisal of the churches' concern for the spiritual and moral welfare of our troops should omit the unsuccessful effort made by these clergymen to serve as chaplains.

When one considers that every chaplain was a volunteer and that frequently he resigned his pulpit with no assurance that one would be available upon his return, perhaps the wonder is that so many ministers under no compulsion save conscience should have exchanged a future of security for one of uncertainty. The military and naval leaders offered the church an unprecedented opportunity in World War II. The record of some 12,000 clergymen who became chaplains constitutes a chapter of unselfish service hitherto unequaled.

• *A chaplain lines up with the optimists . . .*

For a Better World

By Chaplain H. P. Stelling, USNR
(U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif.)

JOHN ADAMS, the second president of the United States, wrote in a letter words that should strike our hearts and inspire us with renewed determination to attain a better world. "Posterity! You will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom! I hope you will make a good use of it. If you do not, I shall repent it in heaven that I ever took half the pains to preserve it." We are the posterity to whom Mr. Adams committed this challenge.

The blood, sweat and tears of men lately renewed this charge. "You will know how much it cost to preserve your freedom!" Young men who before the war were farm lads, college students, clerks, salesmen, doctors, lawyers, pastors, factory and mine workers—these men, brave though often frightened, strong though often weary, have kept the way open for a better world.

The door of freedom has been kept open. The way for a better world is being maintained. This open door does not guarantee a better world. It only gives us the opportunity to gain it. As Moses from the top of Mount Pisgah saw the Promised Land, so we through freedom's portal may envision a new and a better world.

The opportunity being offered to us, we must now decide what kind of world we want or should have. Men of old dreamed about a good world. Plato foresaw an ideal state and attempted to establish it on the Isle of Sicily. St. Augustine wrote his dream in a book, *The City of God.* Robert Owens, a wealthy English industrialist, attempted to set up an ideal society in America known as New Harmony. There have been many such ventures to realize a dream but they have failed.

Shall we say because these do not attain their goals that it is futile for us to try? Because others have failed shall we never strive? Shall we consign the sacrifice of those who have died on the field of battle for freedom's cause to stone monuments and great oratory or shall we in even greater measure carry on in peace the battle for better things?

In addition to the familiar "Four Freedoms" there are four other essential things that have been stated thus:

"Four things in any land must dwell,
If it endures and prospers well:
One is manhood true and good;
One is noble womanhood;
One is child life, clean and bright;
And one an altar kept alight."

Men still distant from home, as well

dreams of what they want the world to be. Fired by lofty ideals let us seek for their realization.

How shall we go about attaining these ideals? Advancement towards them is along the way of Christianity. The men of ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome had lofty dreams but they did not know the way to fulfill them. People today, whether they are Christian or not, are seeking after the kind of world that Christianity alone can assure. Ways devised by men have been tried again and again, but have failed. The time is here to try the way ordained by God. It has been rightly said that Christianity has not been tried and found wanting, but it has been found difficult and not tried.

Does this mean that Christianity should be forced upon all men? The reply is a very strong, "*No.*" Christianity is opposed by its very nature to such oppression. How, then, shall Christianity become universally adopted? Although it would be best for God's way to be immediately accepted by all men, it is obvious that it will not be. However, that does not set aside the great purpose for the world to become Christian.

By a gradual process this wonderful transition will take place. Meanwhile the freedoms granted to Christians should be guaranteed to non-Christians. The Jewish, the Mohammedan, the Hindu and all other religions should be assured of the same opportunities for expression as Christianity. Christianity should not be given any privilege above any other religion. If we would devote ourselves to God's way, then the Christian influence would spread as a blessing to the world. If Christianity has any merits, and it has, it should earn its own way in the world. It has done remarkably well under great difficulties in the past. It should do even greater things in the future.

The kind of loyalty needed is like that of a mother to her child. She suffers much to care for it. Often the responsibility is so great that the mother can hardly bear it. Her little one dies and she is relieved of her anguish and labor. The grief that now overcomes her, however, is so much more severe than her former suffering that she cries out for the return of her child.

This is the type of loyalty to the Christian way that the world must have if we are to advance toward long cherished ideals. Our devotion may cause us suffering so that we often wish that there was no such thing as Christianity. Nevertheless, it must not be taken from life. Life would be no good without it. How awful would be the tribulation and sorrow of the world if the hand of God were removed from the affairs of men!

The peril and suffering endured in the generation of President Adams would seem by the evidence to have been in vain. Their sacrifices, like those of our generation, will be mocked by the deeds of men, unless peoples everywhere will be true to their heavenly vision and pledge their hearts and their lives to God's way for the world.

☺ We men are the hard luck sex. When we're born, who gets the compliments and flowers? Our mothers. When we marry, who gets the flowers and presents? Our brides. And when we die, you know who gets our insurance.

—Our Army

TOWARD A LASTING PEACE

A monthly analysis, prepared in co-operation with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, of current endeavors in the field of peace-planning

By Jacob Simpson Payton

Swift and Sure Progress

¶ During the presentation before the Security Council of the differences between the Soviet and Iranian governments, there was a revival of the fear that the United Nations was doomed to failure. Every worthy undertaking in its initial stages usually has faced some crisis during which those of little faith have voiced their misgivings. Nothing furnishes greater hope for the survival of the UN than a review of the manner in which the Founding Fathers moved from opposition to comparative unity in framing the Constitution and under its provisions welding into enduring solidarity what is now the United States.

We Americans should temper our judgment about whether UN will work by a glance at the calendar. It is less than two years since conferees at the Dumbarton Oaks Conference finished those "tentative proposals." Only one short year has passed since at San Francisco the Charter of the United Nations was adopted. Since then the Charter has been brought into force by speedy ratification, the machinery of the international organization has been set up, a site has been agreed to and the UN is functioning. An accomplishment so vast and with such a variety of races, religions and governments participating has never before been witnessed on this earth. And it should be remembered that this marvelous thing was brought to pass not through the coercion of military might, but through the voluntary action of some fifty powers.

To fail to recognize the contribution of individuals and of societies that throughout the centuries have striven for the very objectives enumerated in the preamble of the Charter, would be to overlook those who laid the foundations. Nor can it be denied that revulsion to a world in ruin through war was a factor in the swift co-operation in establishing the United Nations. Often too much enthusiasm even for a good cause has developed a destructive speed. In their zeal reformers bent on speed have been known to build on sand. No such charge has been made against the architects and the builders of the United Nations.

Let us now recall the attempts of our founders to form a national government. According to the calendar they did not make very commendable progress. The early call of the Annapolis Convention did not evoke enough interest to provide more than a sparse attendance. Franklin's Albany Convention broke up in disagreement. Even the first and second Continental Congresses promised little more than slow death in the embryonic stages. The Articles of Confederation gave responsibility but withheld power.

The young Republic got off to a far worse start than has the United

Nations. The history books abound in gloomy prognostications that the experiment in democracy would fill an early grave. Yet, after more than 170 years the passing of the United States still appears rather remote.

A Study in Contrasts

¶ A SECOND FEATURE worthy of contrast is the unanimity with which the United Nations was launched as against the divisions that beset the Constitutional Convention that assembled in Philadelphia during May, 1787. The first discouraging feature was that only 55 of the 74 deputies appointed ever came. Rhode Island absented herself completely.

Perhaps under no other roof has an equal number of men ever assembled with high patriotic motives so mixed with prejudices as comprised those deputies. The interest of localities, sectional jealousies, political friction, interstate quarrels and even doctrinal niceties bedevilled the Convention. Even the inspired resort to naming the place of meeting "Unanimity Hall" did not hide the fact that there were bitter, painful and not a few perilous hours during the secret sessions.

Of course there were anxious times at the San Francisco Convention. It was reported that the Russian delegates did not always contribute to the harmony of the sessions, but no such crisis was ever reached there comparable to that in Independence Hall over whether the Virginia or the New Jersey Plan should be adopted. And if anyone thought that the departure of Ambassador Andrei A. Gromyko from the Security Council meeting foreboded ill for the future of the United Nations, let him recall how Luther Martin stalked out of Independence Hall in a huff and turned homeward, as did thirteen other deputies.

Everywhere people concerned about the future of the new nation expressed fear of its failure to survive with such influential persons withdrawing from its important deliberations. Yet, their alarm proved groundless. The Constitution was written and its critics lived to enjoy the protection and the freedom that it guaranteed.

The Charter's Reception

¶ ANOTHER encouraging feature appears when we compare the speed and the eagerness with which the Charter was ratified, with the delay and antagonism encountered by the Constitution in its ratification. Perhaps it would be an overstatement to say that when the San Francisco Convention adjourned, everybody was happy. Yet, everybody was hopeful—and that hope was fulfilled by government after government ratifying the Charter through constitutional processes.

When we examine the reception given the Constitution of the United States as it came before the legislatures for consideration, the amount of abuse heaped upon it and its framers by pamphleteers is hardly believable.

Elbridge Gerry one of those who declined to sign the Constitution led the opposition in Massachusetts and almost prevented ratification by that state. In Virginia, Patrick Henry, Richard Henry Lee, James Monroe and George Mason attacked favorable action so vigorously that after long delay ratification passed by a vote of 89 to 79, while led by Governor George Clinton, the opposition in

New York came within three votes of triumphing.

The United Nations experienced no such determined effort to defeat the ratification of its Charter as did the United States in the case of its Constitution. While the argument must not be pressed too far that because in its formative period a plan is popular its survival is assured, nevertheless there are decided advantages in a record of well nigh rapturous ratification of the United Nations Charter. With the Charter in force for only a few months, there is no cause to be dismayed at prophecies of its inadequacy or impotency by an occasional skeptic. Alexander Hamilton once pronounced the Constitution "a frail and worthless fabric," and as late as 1832 Chief Justice John Marshall wrote Justice Story that "our Constitution cannot last."

After nearly a century and a half that Constitution is about the most secure and workable governmental structure under which men have ever lived.

Meet Difficulties as They Arise

¶ If it is charged that the United Nations Charter is imperfect, provision is made for amendments in Chapter XVIII, Article 108. Indeed, were not the first ten amendments attached to the Constitution after its ratification? And the number has now reached twenty-one!

In 1818 Estwick Evans was on what he called a "A Pedestrious Tour of Four Thousand Miles." After he had passed along a stretch of road which seemed impassable and over mountains which appeared insurmountable he entered these words in his journal: "It is in looking ahead at the aggregate obstacles which present themselves in an undertaking, and in embodying them, as it were, in the space of a moment, that one's mind is appalled. By meeting these obstacles in detail, we easily overcome them, and then look back astonished at our apprehensions."

The United Nations has only to move forward and the difficulties will become less.

A Little Humor, Now and Then . . .

☺ An Old Lady in one of the parishes of Peter Cartwright, an early Methodist pioneer preacher, often annoyed him by going off on a high key. One day, in a class meeting, when her soul was filled with ecstatic emotions, she rapturously cried out: "If I had one more feather in the wing of my faith, I would fly away and be with my Saviour." "Stick in the other feather, Lord," interjected Cartwright, "and let her go."

—Christian Union Herald

☺ When General Jackson was approached by Judge Brockenbrough with the request that Jackson divulge to him the plans of his military operations, he did not want to insult his close friend by refusing his request. "Judge," he said, "can you keep a secret?"

"Why certainly. I think so, General," replied the judge.

"Well, Judge, so can I," answered the General.

—*In "Making the Most of Your Life,"* Morgan and Webb

Former Chaplains . .

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APPELHOF, GILBERT ..... *St. Thomas' Episcopal Church,* Berea, Ohio
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HENDERSON, PHILIPS B. ..... *The Baptist Church,* Damariscotta, Maine
HILNER, HOWARD K. ..... *Zion Lutheran Church,* Meyersdale, Pa.
HOCHWALD, EARLE C. ..... *First Congregational Church,* Branford, Conn.
HOLTROP, CORNEAL ..... *The Christian Reformed Church,* Kelloggsville, Mich.
HUNTINGTON, PARK W. ..... *St. Stephen's Lutheran Church,* Wilmington, Del.
JOHNSTONE, GILBERT ..... *First Baptist Church,* Batavia, Ill.
JONES, WOODROW W. ..... *First Christian Church,* Bristow, Okla.
KELLY, JAMES N. ..... *First Christian Church,* Shelbyville, Tenn.

ID WHERE THEY MAY BE FOUND

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KILLIN, KENNETH D. ..... *Federated Church,* Polson, Montana
KING, FOY O. ..... *First Baptist Church,* Yuma, Ariz.
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MENOCH, JOHN ..... *The Presbyterian Church,* Cadillac, Mich.
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OWEN, ELWYN ..... *Skyway Park Community Church,* Osborn, Ohio
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THOMAS, WALTER S. ..... *The Methodist Church,* Greenville, Va.
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Did You Know That . . .

. . . The Continental Congress on July 9, 1776, authorized the appointment of one chaplain for each regiment with its commanding officer to procure such from "among persons of good character and exemplary lives" with pay to be thirty-three and one-third dollars per month?

. . . Raymond Swing, radio commentator, is descended from Congregational ministers on both sides of his family; that his father closed his ministry as professor of Church History in Oberlin Theological Seminary where also Mr. Swing's maternal grandfather was a professor? Writes Mr. Swing: "It is a byword in my family that my generation was the first since 1630 to fail to produce a clergyman."

. . . Harold E. Ickes, former Secretary of the Interior, served as a YMCA secretary with the A.E.F. during World War I?

. . . Between 1920 and 1940 the number of women preachers in the United States increased from 1,787 to 3,308?

. . . Hugh M. Brackenridge who wrote "Modern Chivalry"; Joel Barlow, author of "The Columbiad," "Hymns for Yankee Rebels" and a revised edition of Watts' Hymns and Psalms, and Benjamin Trumbull who wrote a two-volume history of Connecticut and a much-heralded pamphlet, "Susquehannah Purchase" were chaplains in the Revolutionary War?

. . . The grandfather of the Chief of Staff, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, who led the family from Pennsylvania to Kansas was a Mennonite preacher?

. . . The first chaplain to lose his life in the Revolutionary War was John Rossburgh, who after being captured was bayoneted by the Hessians and due to the efforts of a fellow chaplain, George Duffield, his body was recovered and interred in a churchyard near Trenton, N. J.?

. . . During the Revolution Chaplain Daniel McColla, a Princeton graduate, was taken prisoner at Three Rivers and David Avery converted under the ministry of George Whitfield, was wounded at Trenton, N. J.?

. . . Benjamin Henry Latrobe, the architect of the White House and the Capitol Building following their burning by the British in 1814, was the son of a Moravian missionary?

. . . James Hall declined from General Nathanael Greene the commission of a brigadier general as successor to General William Davidson who fell at Cowans Ford, N. C., February 1, 1781, that he might continue as a chaplain?

. . . Two of the most revered chaplains of the Revolutionary War were Thomas and Moses Allen; the latter after having his house and church burned in Georgia was captured by the enemy in the battle of Savannah, was drowned while attempting to swim ashore from a prison ship and that his body which drifted upon Tybee Island was denied Christian burial by the Tories?

. . . Thomas Dunn English who wrote, "Don't You Remember Sweet Alice, Ben Bolt?" and Richard Henry Wilde, author of "My Life Is Like a Summer Rose," were once members of Congress?

NEWS AND VIEWS

Dr. John R. Mott, president of the World Alliance of the Y.M.C.A., has been awarded the Prince Carl Medal for distinction in national and international humanitarian work. The medal was originated by King Gustav of Sweden to honor his brother who was formerly head of the Red Cross.

Bucknell University has received an anonymous gift of $200,000 toward the building of a new library.

General Douglas McArthur has taken steps to protect Christian mission schools in Japan. The teaching of Christianity must be restored where it has been eliminated and all acts of destruction or damage must be repaired by the government of Japan.

Housing to Vets: "Vetsburg," first of three temporary housing developments for former servicemen at Cornell University, New York, has been opened. Work has begun on two similar projects through co-operation with the Federal Public Housing Authority. The University of Wisconsin and the University of Michigan have also arranged accommodations for veterans.

Publisher: An award of $7,500 has been established by the Abingdon-Cokesbury Press to encourage writing in the field of evangelical Christianity. It will be made annually to the author of the book which will accomplish the greatest good for the Christian faith.

The latest memorial in Westminister Abbey consists of four volumes containing the names of nearly 60,000 civilians killed by enemy action. They are enclosed in a shrine standing near the grave of the Unknown Warrior.

Touro Synagogue, Newport, R. I., has been designated as a national historic site by the Department of Interior. The building is the oldest surviving synagogue in America.

New Magazine: *Salute,* a monthly veterans' magazine, is being published by former editors and writers of the Army's *Yank* and *Stars and Stripes.* Most of the contributors to the magazine are veterans.

The Evangelical Church of Austria has joined the World Council of Churches. It was formerly a member of the German Evangelical Church Federation.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale of Marble Collegiate Reformed Church, New York City, has suggested that the nation needs a day without radio programs and newspapers and with only a minimum of conversation. Then perhaps the peace of God would descend on the world.

Church Bells: Many European cities lost church bells during the war with the result that a famous old Dutch bell concern is now swamped with advance orders. The

new bells will be cast in accordance with a long-kept secret formula.

B'Nai B'rith has received a special citation for its war work, thus becoming the first civilian organization to receive such an accolade from both the Army and the Navy. Army Chief of Staff, General Dwight D. Eisenhower presented the award.

Wings Over Jordan, famous Negro radio and concert choir, has returned to the United States after many months of overseas entertainments. The choir co-operated generously with Army chaplains in their religious services. While in Italy, a certificate for "meritorious service" was conferred upon this choir.

Dr. Henry C. Fenn, lecturer in Chinese at Yale University, has been named president of the College of Chinese Studies, Peking, China. He will have charge of re-establishing the college, which was forced to evacuate its campus after the Japanese invasion.

A memorial is being erected at the birthplace of Booker T. Washington, famous Negro educator, near Hales Ford, Franklin County, Kentucky.

The World Council of Churches has recommended an expenditure of two-thirds of relief funds for reconstruction of church life in Europe's war-devastated countries, and one-third for material aid in those areas.

The Reverend Stanley I. Stuber received the first national award for "the most meritorious public relations accomplishment" in the field of religion. Mr. Stuber is the National Director of Public Relations of the Northern Baptist Convention.

The Rt. Reverend William T. Manning, who, for 25 years has been Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, has announced his resignation to become effective next December.

UNO: The Federal Council of Churches and the Synagogue Council of America submitted a petition to Mr. Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., requesting that daily meetings of the Security Council of the UNO at Hunter College be opened with a period of silent prayer and meditation. The request was not granted.

Disciples: The 1946 International Convention of the Disciples of Christ will meet in Columbus, Ohio, August 6-11, rather than in Oakland, Calif., as previously planned.

The Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., is planning to launch a church paper with an anticipated circulation of 200,000 copies per week and at an annual cost of $383,600.

Dr. Hugh Thomas Kerr, pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg, Pa., has been elected chairman of the Western Hemisphere section of the Alliance of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches. He succeeds Dr. Thomas C. Polick.

Douglas Corrigan, who in 1938 flew the wrong direction and landed in Ireland, has entered politics. He will run for the United States Senate on the Prohibition Party Ticket of California.

A Human Relations Commission to deal with "applied religion" rather than with matters of "theology and ecclesiastical order" has been announced by the Protestant Council of the City of New York.

General G. L. Carpenter, leader of the Salvation Army since 1939, retires this month at the age of 74.

Latter Day Saints: Mr. J. Willard Marriott and Mr. Ernest L. Wilkinson, both of Washington, D. C., have been advanced to important posts in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Mr. Wilkinson was made first counselor to the President of the Washington Stake, and Mr. Marriott was made second counselor. Both are members of the General Commission.

The World Council of Churches, in process of formation for several years, will be formally organized at an international church assembly which will meet toward the end of August, 1948. The Council now represents 92 Protestant and Orthodox communions in 33 countries.

A "Church School by Mail" is being conducted by the Department of Christian Education of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Lessons are mailed into isolated rural areas and families are encouraged to cultivate the habit of prayer reading and to attend the nearest church.

Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, Lutheran leader of Minneapolis, Minn., has been awarded Norway's highest decoration, the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Olav.

Establishes Worthy Record

Mrs. William B. Boswell, who for twenty-nine years was on the staff of the General Commission, tendered her resignation early in the year. She remained with the organization until March when she accepted a position with lighter demands.

The value of the services of Mrs. Boswell to the Commission cannot be over estimated. She brought to her work industry, efficiency and conscientiousness. With these qualifications she literally sustained the life of the Commission across several peace years. In appreciation of her long service, resolutions were adopted at the April meeting and a more substantial remembrance was presented.

Mrs. Boswell is known to thousands of chaplains through assistance given them when candidates. To members of the General Commision of Army and Navy Chaplains she is remembered as one who devoted her energies and loyalties to the organization without reserve.

P E R S O N A L S

CHAPLAIN HARRY C. FRASER spoke at the annual dinner of the Army and Navy Y.M.C.A. International Committee at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City, March 15, and also represented the Army Chaplain Corps at the 45th National Convention of the Y.M.C.A. of North America at Atlantic City on the two following days.

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Former chaplain BEN L. ROSE recently became the pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Va. His uncle, President Ben R. Lacy of the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., in the installation sermon pointed out several interesting parallels between himself and his nephew. Both are named for Benjamin Rice Lacy, are graduates of the same college and seminary, and both served three years in the home mission field and as chaplains in the United States Army.

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CHAPLAIN C. V. DEAL conducted the memorial service for war casualties at the meeting of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod held in Winston-Salem. Recognition was paid 186 Lutheran men out of a total of 5,564 in service who gave their lives in World War II.

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CHAPLAIN LAWRENCE M. REESE, USNR, has organized a church for Naval families in Hawaii. The congregation increased to 75 in the first six weeks of its history.

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CHAPLAIN JOHN B. WALTHOUR conducted the funeral service held in the Old Cadet Chapel at West Point for Captain Samuel Victor Constant, ski coach and engineering instructor at the United States Military Academy, who was killed while preparing for a ski contest.

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CHAPLAIN JACOB S. MACKORELL, JR., who recently returned from the Philippine Islands, is now assigned as chaplain at the Army War College, Washington, D. C.

CHAPLAIN GROVER B. GORDON reports that on Universal Bible Sunday his congregation at Linz, Austria, contributed $546.00 to The American Bible Society for New Testaments to aid in the spiritual rehabilitation of Europe. On the next two Sundays $700 was contributed to local Methodist, Old-Catholic and Lutheran Churches.

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CHAPLAIN EUGENE R. SHANNON, USNR, has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps medal posthumously. The chaplain was formerly rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Freeport, Ill.

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Former chaplain JOHN WEIR FOOTE was extended an impressive welcome by Hamilton, Ontario. Chaplain Foote won the Victoria Cross for outstanding conduct at Dieppe in August, 1942, and is the only Canadian chaplain to hold this award.

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Air Commodore W. E. Cockram, principal Protestant chaplain of the R.C.A.F. in World War I, and who was known as the "flying padre" died recently in Ottawa, Canada.

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CHAPLAINS HARRY C. FRASER, ROY H. PARKER and WALTER B. ZIMMERMAN were recently presented The Legion of Merit. The presentation ceremonies were conducted by Chief of Chaplains Luther D. Miller at the Pentagon Building.

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CHAPLAIN M. E. PATRICK, USNR, appeared on the program with Bishop J. B. Showers at a Welcome Home dinner for veterans held at the Grace United Brethren Church, Penbrook, Pa.

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Former chaplain ARNOLD MEREDITH LEWIS, who has served with the Army since 1940, became on May 1 the executive director of the Presiding Bishop's Committee on Laymen's Work at Church Mission House, New York City.

CHAPLAIN HERMAN BENNER was recently married to Miss Helen Stowell in the Oak Lawn Baptist Church, Providence, R. I. The ceremony was performed by the chaplain's father, The Reverend Guy Benner.

CHAPLAIN FRANCIS B. SAYRE, USNR, has been appointed by the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio to head a new venture in religion—working with the men in industrial plants.

CHAPLAIN EVERETT P. WUEBBENS, U.S.N., has been commended for his outstanding services as Officer-in-Charge of Procurement and Material Sections of the Chaplains' Division in the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

CHAPLAIN JOHN E. COLLIER was one of the speakers representing the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Austin, Texas, during Brotherhood Week. His schedule included 17 speaking engagements and two radio broadcasts.

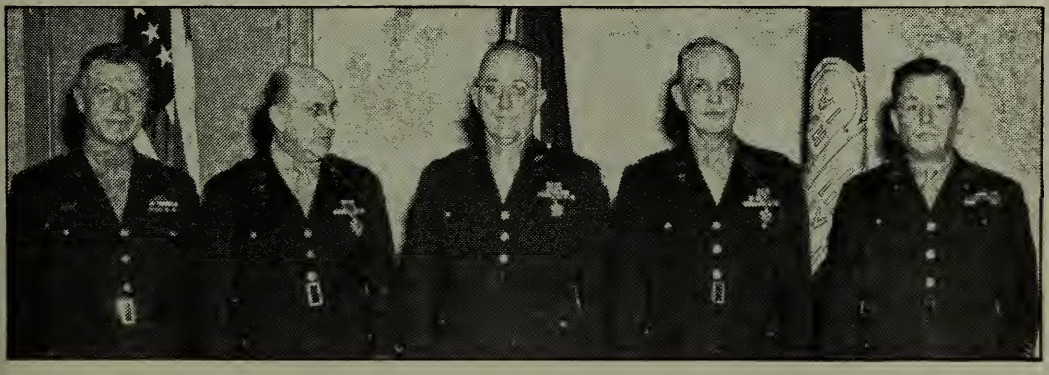
CHAPLAIN FLOYD D. SHAFER reports that his group, stationed on Mindora, in the Philippine Islands, raised $700 to rebuild a Protestant Filipino Church on the island of Tablas.

Former chaplain RAYMOND S. HALL received an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity at the fourth winter Commencement of Brown University, Providence, R. I. Chaplain Hall was the first parachute chaplain in the armed forces, entered Normandy in the first invasion plane, and was wounded. After he returned to duty he was taken prisoner, escaped and joined the Russians in Poland.

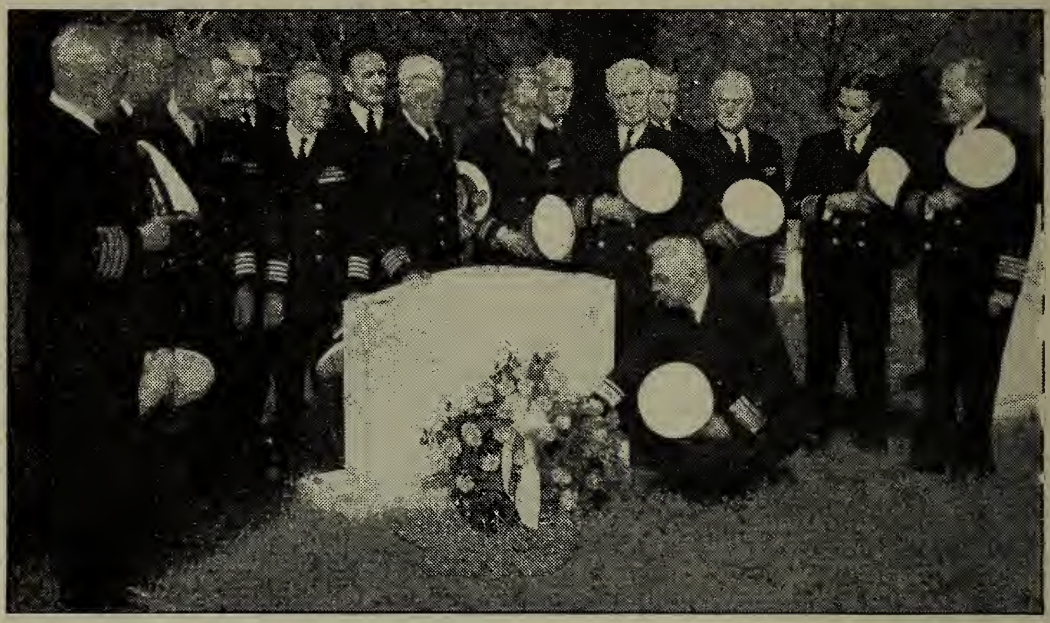
CHAPLAIN DOUGLAS VERNON, USN, who was the first chaplain to land with the Marines at Tarawa and was with them throughout the battle, is now Executive Vice-President of the New York Auxiliary, Navy Relief Society.

CHAPLAIN CHARLES EREHARDT, USNR, and his bride were recently honor guests of the Eastern Shore Community Chorus, Easton, Md.

Chaplain Ivan L. Bennett, Chief of Chaplain GHQ and U. S. Army Forces in the Pacific, meeting Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, world renowned evangelist and social worker. Dr. Kagawa was imprisoned by the Japanese government during the war.



(LEFT TO RIGHT) *Chief of Chaplains Luther D. Miller, Chaplains Harry C. Fraser, Roy H. Parker, Walter B. Zimmerman and Patrick J. Ryan, after ceremony presenting The Legion of Merit. Ch. Miller officiated at the ceremony in the Pentagon Building.*



District chaplains of the U. S. Navy pay tribute to the first Chief of Chaplains, Ch. John Brown Frazier, USN, who held office 1917-1921. Placing the wreath upon the grave is Chief of Chaplains Rear Admiral Wm. N. Thomas, USN. Standing from left to right are: Ch. Wm. W. Elder, Clinton A. Newman, Ernest L. Ackiss, John P. Forsander, Stanton W. Salisbury, Razzie W. Truit, John F. Hugucs, Albert E. Stone, Reuben W. Shrum, John W. Moore, Roy L. Lewis, Homer L. Glunt, Wm. A. Maguire, Paul C. Linaweaver, Robert D. Workman.

CHAPLAIN THOMAS M. MARKS, USNR, died February 3 in Pearl Harbor. Formerly pastor of The Universalist Church, Marblehead, Mass., the chaplain was one of six Naval Reserve chaplains to serve in both World Wars.

CHAPLAIN EDWARD O. DE CAMP, P.O.W. Camp, Dermott, Ark., gave a series of talks on "Church Life in America." His audience consisted of German pastors in American prisoner of war camps. They had expressed a desire to learn all they could about the Church in the States before returning to Germany.

CHAPLAIN GEORGE N. MARSHALL is stationed at Bedford Army Air Field, Mass., a main stopover point for hospital planes coming in from Europe and the end of the run for planes from the Pacific. The chaplain meets all planes and has organized a "chaplain's canteen" which gives food, coffee and cigarettes to the boys.

Officiating at Burmese funerals, conducting Protestant services, killing 12-foot snakes, traveling on bombing expeditions and visiting all of his boys around a circuit of 22 towns, kept CHAPLAIN MORRIS BORDON busy when he was the only Jewish chaplain in northwest China. The chaplain was Rabbi of the Anshe Emeth Synagogue, Youngstown, Ohio, before entering the chaplaincy.

CHAPLAIN ERNEST T. RUNNELS, chaplain in World Wars I and II, has been assigned to missionary service in the Panama Canal Zone. He will be priest-in-charge of the Episcopal Church of the Savior, Christobal.

CHAPLAIN CLARE E. TALLMAN recently sent $60.00 to the World Council of Churches as a "Thank Offering" from the men of the 801st Engineer Aviation Bn. stationed on Okinawa.

Former chaplain LEWIS A. MYERS has been named editor of the Baptist paper, *Word and Way.*

COLONEL WESTRAY BATTLE BOYCE who last July was appointed to succeed COLONEL OVETA CULP HOBBY as commandant of the WAC, hails from Rocky Mount, N. C.